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To: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair
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From: David E. Janssen
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WILDFIRE STATUS REPORT AS OF 11:00 A.M.

The Los Angeles County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) remains at a low level activation during normal working hours and will maintain a "duty officer" status after normal working hours. Regular contact continues with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), the American Red Cross, and fire affected cities.

STATUS OF THE FIRES

The Los Angeles County Fire Department will submit an update on a separate report.

RECOVERY PLANNING

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released a toll-free telephone registration number (800) 621-FEMA for victims to apply for Federal Disaster Assistance. INFO LINE has information about services available on the County Public Information Hotline at (800) 980-4990.

A County/State/Federal Local Assistance Center (LAC) (One-Stop Center) has been established at the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Road in Claremont. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is working closely with the Fifth Supervisorial District, the City of Claremont, and OES to provide an array of local, State, and Federal services.

Representatives from the County include OEM, Department of Public Works, Consumer Affairs, Department of Public Social Services, Department of Health Services/Public Health, the Assessor's Office, and the Community Development Commission.

Governor Gray Davis and Governor-Elect Arnold Schwarzenegger are scheduled to visit the Claremont Local Assistance Center at approximately 2:00 p.m. today.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Below are reports of activities of other County departments.

Sheriff

The Sheriff Department Operations Center (DOC) was deactivated as of 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2003. They will continue to coordinate mutual aid response for law enforcement, conduct evacuations, and provide security in the evacuated areas. They also continue to conduct arson patrols in the affected areas.

Probation

The Probation Department continues to be on fire watch at their facilities located in Sylmar, Santa Clarita, and Lake Hughes.

Public Social Services (DPSS)

DPSS is providing assistance and support at the Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Claremont.

Animal Care and Control

Animal Care and Control remains on stand-by to be deployed wherever needed. Their Emergency Operations Center in the Agoura Shelter has been deactivated. All six County shelters remain open to house animals for residents in fire affected areas.

Health Services

The Department of Health Services continues to monitor the health conditions for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

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Mental Health

The Department of Mental Health continues to operate its toll free 24-hour hotline at (800) 854-7771 and is receiving an increased number of calls. Medical Director, Dr. Roderick Shaner, continues to give interviews on disaster mental health issues to numerous local radio and news stations. Dr. Beliz is giving interviews to the Spanish speaking media (Radio/News). The Department is working with Tri City Mental Health to assess the need for crisis counseling and long term mental health referrals in the Claremont area. The Department is assessing the need for mental health services in the Santa Clarita and Simi Valley areas. Department of Mental Health is providing mutual aid support to San Bernardino County Department of Mental Health. The Department will be providing mental health support to the County/State/Federal Local Assistance Center in Claremont. Department contract agencies remain on standby. The Department is on a heightened alert and continues to remain in close communication with key local and state agencies to determine needs for services.

My staff and I will keep you informed with daily reports for the near future.

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